

May 2011

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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



Notes from the Council Table

Qaxtna!

It is with great pleasure that the Tribal Council is able to report several monumental occurrences in this month's Council updates.

To begin, we would like to reflect on May 12th – the date that the Tribe held the Raintree Market ribbon cutting and Chitimacha Hotel ground breaking ceremonies. The weather conditions were fantastic and the excitement was apparent at each event. Those in attendance included many of you from our Tribal community, staff members and casino employees, local dignitaries, members of the design and construction team, as well as, local community members.

The Tribal Chairman gave the opening comments at both events where he acknowledged other participating parties involved with each project and also stressed how both of these economic development initiatives are envisioned to bolster the Tribe's economic base and provide job opportunities for Tribal members and members of the local community.

Following each ceremony, refreshments were provided for all in attendance. In addition, we were very grateful to have dancers and singers from the Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Livingston, Texas to perform several social and exhibition dances in celebration of this special day. We are happy to announce that we will have the fortune of them returning on June 12th for our annual Appreciation Day celebration to again perform a cultural song and dance demonstration. Several photographs of the ceremonial occasions have been included for your viewing pleasure.



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On May 19th, we were given the honor and privilege of the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Larry Echohawk, and the Eastern Region BIA Director, Franklin Keel, visiting our Reservation. Both gentlemen were in attendance at the Semi-Annual USET Conference in Marksville, Louisiana. They were aware of the flooding threats that face our community and wanted to witness the circumstances first hand being in such a close proximity of our Reservation. Beginning early that morning, the Tribal Council and Administration met with Mr. Echohawk and Mr. Keel to provide them with a general summary of our Tribe and also suggested recommendations for improving Tribal consultation with Federal Agencies that has been mandated by the Obama Administration.

We then took our visitors to the Charenton Flood Gate to see the flood stage of the Atchafalaya Basin. Afterwards, we proceeded with a tour of the Reservation spending much of the time at the Tribal School and Museum. Both gentlemen commented on how impressed they were with our community saying that Chitimacha is "a well kept secret" and one of the best Indian communities they have seen. Their comments were well received and something that we can all be proud of.

In other news, the Tribal Council has been monitoring the progress at the Trading Post as changes have been made to improve the bottom line of this enterprise. Where we have traditionally seen this entity in the red has now reversed to show a profit due to the implemented changes enacted by our interim Manager, Catherine Chandler. We would like to thank Catherine and the staff at the Trading Post for their efforts.

In closing, please remember to vote in the General Election to be held on June 11th at the Tribal School. Also that day, the semi-annual General Meeting will be held in the school gym beginning at 12:00 P.M. The agenda will consists of several on-going project updates; so please, attend if you are able. And again, Appreciation Day will be held the following day in the Pavilion at the Casino with a delicious food menu, door prizes, bingo and American Indian dancing. Hope to see you there!

Nito,

Your Tribal Council



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DUE TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER ON THE WEBSITE AND THE OCCASIONAL SENSITIVE NATURE OF TRIBAL BUSINESS, THE RESOLUTION NUMBERS AND TOPICS WILL ONLY BE POSTED.

FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS, THE FULL RESOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO JILL LOUVIERE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; OR LOREN ROGERS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; OR PEGGY GADDY, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. YOU MAY MAIL YOUR REQUEST TO P.O. BOX 661, CHARENTON, LA 70523 OR THROUGH E-MAIL:

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A CONFIDENTIALITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM WILL BE REQUIRED TO RELEASE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION. THE FORM CAN BE MAILED OR E-MAILED TO YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.

Resolutions for the Month of April

Resolution CHI-TC #17-11	401(k) Plan Document
Resolution CHI-TC #18-11	ERISA Attorney Contract
Resolution CHI-TC #19-11	Shorty's Loan
Resolution CHI-TC #20-11	Consolidated Tribal Assistance System (DOJ) Grant
Resolution CHI-TC #21-11	Title VII Grant



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



APRIL 2011

For the month of April 2011, three traffic citations were issued for no registration in a vehicle, one juvenile operating a vehicle without a drivers license, and one for speeding.

Six verbal warnings were issued for various traffic violations.

The following arrests were logged for the month of April 2011:

- 04-03-11 One male arrested for hit and run driving.
- 04-03-11 One male arrested for criminal trespassing.
- 04-10-11 One female arrested for criminal trespassing and a warrant from Iberia parish for failure to appear on the charge of disturbing the peace by fighting.
- 04-17-11 One male arrested for criminal trespassing, disturbing the peace intoxicated, resisting an officer and a warrant from the 17th Judicial Court for failure to appear on charges of DWI, driving under suspension, careless operation and possession of alcohol in a motor vehicle.
- 04-22-11 One male arrested for disturbing the peace intoxicated.
- 04-24-11 Two females arrested for disturbing the peace intoxicated.
- 04-24-11 Three males arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting and one of the males was also charged with resisting an officer with force and two counts of simple battery.
- 04-27-11 One male and one female arrested for domestic abuse battery and the female was also arrested on a warrant from Terrebonne Parish for failure to appear for a probation hearing.

For the month of April 2011 the police department handled six animal complaints—three dogs and one cat was transported to the parish animal pound and one citation was issued for a dog running loose.

One environmental citation was issued in April for tall grass and weeds at a resident's home.

CLICK IT OR TICKET DAY & NIGHT MOBILIZATION MAY 23 TO JUNE 05, 2011

FACT: High Visibility enforcement is one of the biggest crime deterrents in law enforcement.

FACT: Nearly 90% of the fatal crashes reported to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Highway Safety Program at this time last year were alcohol involved.

FACT: Native Americans are 2-3 times more likely to die or be seriously injured in a traffic crash than any other ethnic group. Driving impaired is a crime.

The Chitimacha Tribal Police Department has signed up to take part in this Mobilization. During the mobilization, tribal, local, state and federal officers will be cracking down on motorists who fail to wear their seat belts—both day and night.

Will You Remember to Click It?

It is said that repeating something 10 times will help you to remember it. Similarly, this year marks the tenth year of the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization. And it's safe to say that drivers and passengers are starting to get it—they're remembering to buckle up and realizing the great importance of doing so, saving *thousands* of lives.

However, there are still far too many not getting it. Every day, *new* tickets are written to—and new fatalities are reported about—those who disregard the law and do not buckle up. That's why from May 23 through June 5, the Chitimacha Police Department will once again take part in the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt campaign, continuing the effort to remind motorists of the value of seat belts. During this national enforcement mobilization, local and state police help those caught unbuckled to not forget the next time.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 23,382 occupants of passenger vehicles were killed in traffic crashes in 2009. Of those, 579 were in Louisiana, and 61% died unrestrained.

Lack of seat belt use is also a very real problem in the Native American culture. In fact, 75 % of Native American passenger vehicle occupants killed in an average year were unrestrained at the time of the crash (based upon known restraint use). This has contributed to a *significant* loss of life. In the 10 year period from 1999 to 2008, 6,310 Native Americans were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes!

This is not a good example for our youth—our future. Traveling unbuckled is a *major* factor in fatal teen and nighttime crashes, and motor vehicle crashes are actually the leading cause of death for teens. In 2009, 3,349 passenger vehicle occupants ages 16 to 20 were killed in traffic crashes, and well over half of those killed were unbuckled. And of all those killed at night (all ages), nearly two-thirds were not wearing seat belts.

The *Click It or Ticket* mobilization strives to stop these preventable tragedies, and the intensified enforcement serves to remind *everyone* of the importance of seat belts.

Please, *always* remember to buckle up. Do it for your family, your friends, yourself, and even for your wallet! It will not only save you the cost of a ticket—it just might save your life.

If you would like more information on traffic safety and seat belt use, please visit NHTSA online at www.nhtsa.gov for materials.

CRASHES: #1 KILLER OF TEENS

- A total of 3,932 teenagers ages 16 to 20 died in traffic crashes in 2009.
- Teens have higher fatality and injury rates in traffic crashes than any other age group.
- The fatality rate for drivers ages 16 to 19, based on miles driven, is four times higher than for drivers ages 25 to 69.
- In spite of this, teen drivers and passengers—especially young men—are among those least likely to wear their seat belts.
- More than half of the teens killed in traffic crashes in 2009 were not buckled up.
- By enforcing seat belt laws, police officers can help call attention to the fact that buckling up is the absolute best way to protect teens and their passengers from severe injury or death in the event of a motor vehicle crash.
- NO SEAT BELT CAN MEAN NO FUTURE!

SILENT WITNESS PROGRAM

“A Citizen’s Chance To Speak Up Without Fear”

Without citizens reporting crimes or suspicious behavior promptly and participating in and supporting crime prevention efforts, the Chitimacha Criminal Justice System operates under a severe handicap.

If crimes are never reported, little can be done to help other members of the Tribal Community from also being victims. The Chitimacha Tribal Community can be a much safer place with your assistance. You can assist by reporting unusual activities to the police immediately. The likelihood of arresting an offender drops with each minute of delay in reporting.

ANONYMOUS CALLS CAN BE MADE TO THE CHITIMACHA POLICE DEPARTMENT BY CALLING 923-4205.

All calls will remain anonymous.

DO NOT USE THE SILENT WITNESS PROGRAM TO REPORT ANY EMERGENCY OR A CRIME IN PROGRESS!!! CALL 923-4964 OR 911

When you call the 923-4205 number you will get a recorded message asking to leave any information you may have. Police department personnel cannot trace your phone number or obtain your name from the recorder. ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS.

When you call please provide as much information as you can on the suspects, vehicles, and suspicious behavior that is observed. If you can, give a name or detailed physical description of suspects, make and color of vehicles, address where the suspicious behavior is taking place and the date and time.

Provide as much detail as you can, including how you know or suspect that a crime has occurred or will occur.

REMEMBER, **ALL CALLS WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS.**

AGAIN, THE NUMBER TO CALL FOR THE SILENT WITNESS PROGRAM IS 923-4205.



ATV Safety Course

On April 30, 2011, Chitimacha Police ATV Safety Instructors, Sgt. Jada Breaux and Officer Blaise Darden, instructed a safety class for 10 juveniles, ages 9 to 17. The juveniles were instructed on all safety features for ATV's and dirt bikes, the rules of the road, and the tribal codes pertaining to the use of ATV's and where they are permitted to ride. Each child was given an ATV safety card that they must have in their possession when operating an ATV or dirt bike. The juveniles were also advised that if they are caught violating any of the safety rules or traffic laws, they can receive a citation and can also lose their safety card and riding privileges.



Congratulations to Communications Officer Sara LaBiche

On May 10 at a banquet held at the American Legion Hall Post 96 in Morgan City, Communications Officer/Assistant Terminal Agency Coordinator Sara LaBiche was honored by the Marine Corps League St. Mary Parish Detachment 600 as Chitimacha Police Department's Top Officer for the year 2011. Sara has been employed with the police department since December 23, 1993. In 2003 she attended the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office 39th Basic Training Academy and certified as a police officer in the state of Louisiana and does assist in the patrol division on special details. Sara is a hard worker and valuable asset to the Chitimacha Police Department and Tribal Community.

The above photos shows the Chiefs of Police and Sheriff with the top cops from other law enforcement departments in St. Mary Parish and Officer Sara LaBiche with her parents, Barbara and Junius Thibodeaux, her daughter Ciera, Chief Blaise Smith, Captain Ellen Hebert and Communications Officer Gloria Loston.

N A T I O N A L

N I G H T

O U T

America's Night Out Against
Crime

2011

Come Join the Fun at National Night Out

Tuesday, August 02, 2011

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chitimacha Tribal School Gym

Free Food, Live Music, Guest Speakers,

Door Prizes & More!

We Have Some New Items For 2011!

Mark Your Calendars!

Looking Forward to Seeing YOU There!

Chitimacha Tribal Police Department



Preparing For Flood Water

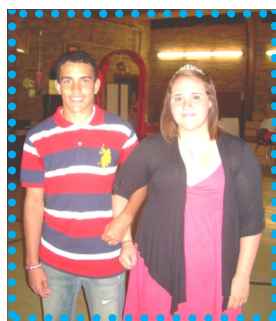
Thanks to Chief of Police Blaise Smith for making arrangements with Patterson Police Department to send their sand bagging machine and trustees to fill sand bags to have in case they are needed to protect tribal property and businesses should the flood waters reach this area. We are very grateful and thankful to Patterson Police Department for sending an officer and four trustees, along with their sand bagging machine, on Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13 to fill sand bags. Also our thanks to Sgt. Jada Breaux, Public Works Director Tony Darden and Public Works employees Royce Deslatte, Guy Darden, Jason Magee and Cory Compton for working extra hours to assist with this project and make sure the sand bags were properly stored.



Chitimacha Tribal School News

Eagle Pride... Eagle Spirit!

The Fourth Nine Weeks has been a busy time at CTS. Everyone has survived LEAP and iLEAP testing and we are anxiously awaiting the results. All classes enjoyed Easter Egg Hunts and visiting with the elders at Rivercane before a much deserved Spring Break. Eighth grade students visited Hanson in preparation for moving on to high school. 4-H students attended the St. Mary Parish 4-H Field Day at Kemper Williams Park in Patterson. The day of fun included a tour of the Wedell Williams Aviation Museum, fun jumps, games, face painting, and line dancing. Prom Queen, Kati Martin and Prom King, Kale Delcambre were joined by many friends for a good time at the Prom. A successful year was celebrated with a final pep rally and awards ceremony to culminate the 2010-1011 school year.



Classroom News

PE News from the desk of Mrs. Buggie

The PE classes are finishing the school year with recreational games. Students learned croquet, ping pong, shuffleboard, and bowling. The 4th and 5th grade students have finished their 6 visits to the pool on Thursday, May 19th. The students have been very excited about swimming in PE class. It has worked out so well that Mrs. Buggie hopes to make it a yearly treat for the students. Many thanks to Mrs. Jeri St. Blanc for helping us to plan these visits during PE time.

Pre-K News from the desk of Mrs. Madeline

Pre-K students wrapped up the year with many exciting activities and field trips! We have finished meeting all of the “Letter People” and have been reviewing letters. Students took a walking field trip to Rivercane and hunted for Easter eggs. We visited Barnyard day at Franklin Senior High School, traveled to the Zoo of Acadiana, and went to the Bayou Vista Spray Park. Our Pre-K Closing Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 20. As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank all of the families and community members for their help and support. We wish all of the students good luck as they move on to kindergarten. It was a wonderful first year for Pre-K at CTS, and we are looking forward to many more in the future!

Second Grade News from the desk of Mrs. Debbie

Second graders are finishing up the year with a bang. They have been reading AR books every day so they can reach their end of the year goals. All of those who reached their goal will get a surprise at the end of the year. We had our annual Mother’s Tea this month. It was a great success. The students worked really hard to make their mothers’ proud. When the Tea was over, there was not a dry eye in the house. Mothers were so touched by all of the work their children had done. May 18th was our Swimming Party. The children had so much fun. They all loved their “Fun in the Sun Day.” This has been a great class and Mrs. Debbie will miss all of them. Have a happy and save summer!

Third Grade News from the desk of Mrs. Allison

Wow—the 2010-2011 school year is almost over. The third graders are ready to tackle fourth grade. We’ve been doing some fun things to wrap up the school year. In Language Arts, we wrote our first essay for the year. The students wrote a 4 paragraph essay, giving the upcoming third graders advice on how to get through third grade. I know the upcoming class will enjoy reading their essays. In Math, students have been working really hard mastering their multiplication facts. We’ve also been doing lots of activities finding area and perimeter. This week we started doing math journals to help prepare students for their math journal in fourth grade. We had our “Water Day” at the ballpark. The students had a fabulous time. We had a giant slim and slide and ate pizza for lunch. What a great way to end the year. We made a time capsule at the beginning of the year with their handprints, footprints, writing samples, and drawings. On the very last day of school, we will open up the time capsules and see the improvement that has taken place throughout the year. Our countdown chain to summer is coming to an end. It has been a wonderful year!

Fifth Grade News from the desk of Ms. Dina

Fifth Grade is currently reading the book, Beatles, Lightly Toasted. The class and Ms. Dina are working together in the Literature Circle and will present the book and what we have learned to Mrs. Tori’s fourth grade class. The students have also been measuring angles and learning about stars. Speaking of stars, the Fifth Graders will experience a lesson from the Junior High teachers to get ready for 6th Grade. Good Luck 5th Grade!

Middle School News

To culminate an exciting and productive year, the 6th—8th grade students are on the move. The last full week of school has been filled to the brim with excitement. The week began with a walking field trip to the museum where the students viewed “Native Waters, A Chitimacha Recollection” and toured the exhibits.

On Tuesday, it was all aboard the bus for a field trip to Oaklawn Manor for a tour and picnic lunch on the grounds. The inner artist in the students came out on Wednesday during an art activity that introduced many to the color wheel and acrylic painting. Fun in the sun was the order of the day on Thursday as students and teachers alike enjoyed a fun day beginning with cabbage ball at the Sports Complex in the morning followed by pizza and pool fun in the afternoon. Friday was movie day complete with popcorn until early dismissal at 12:00pm. What a way to wind down a school year!

AR News from the desk of Ms. Denise

CTS Students were honored for "Million Words Read" on Wednesday, May 18. Mrs. Denise took six CTS students to the Forest Restaurant in Franklin for lunch. The luncheon celebration was to honor those students who read more than one million words for the 2010-2011 school year. Honorees were: Tayla Bernauer, Thomas Dougless, Gabriel Parro, Caylin Moneaux, Trent Darden, and Kati Martin. Accelerated Reading is a program offered at Chitimacha Tribal School that enables students to read books and take tests to measure comprehension. Goals are set each nine weeks at the teachers discretion based on each student's ability. Students in Grades 1-5 must achieve their goals with 80% or better accuracy, and Grades 6-8 must achieve their goals with 85% or better accuracy. Next year, Million Word Readers' Recognition will not only be offered to the students but to the teaching staff as well. Names and pictures will be posted as each million word mark is reached. We are so proud of those who have done exceedingly well this school year and hope that this will continue to be successful for years to come.

A Note from Mrs. Tanya

It has been a great year! Have a wonderful and safe summer.



Recreation News



Chitimacha Challenge:

The Challenge ended on April 24, with 27 participants completing 12 weeks of 30 minute aerobic exercise, three times a week. ChitFit finishers of the 6 week program were treated to 20 minute massages for the completion of their fitness/nutrition program. The Recreation Department transformed a storage room into a relaxing spa oasis. Each participant's spa experience included head, neck, shoulders, hands and back massage. Lauren Ortego, our massage therapist, received many compliments.

Spring Baseball:

Baseball finished without a hitch. Three and four year olds had the opportunity to play on the big field on Mondays. A big thanks to all who helped with these little ones. We noticed by the end of their season, all were successfully running in the right direction. Five and six year olds played on their own field and showed huge improvements in performance. It is our belief that adding the coach's clinic at the beginning of the season gave us a jump start on skill development. Even though in the seven and eight year olds we only had two teams, our coaches commented on how well they improved. A huge thanks goes out to all the coaches and parents who made this season successful.

Pool:

The pool is now open. Even with the cooler temperatures, we've still been having a steady crowd. We opened on April 26, with lifeguarding on Tuesday and Thursday of that week because the opening fell during spring break week and we had guards available. We will resume lifeguarding on May 31, Tuesday through Friday, 1-4 PM.

Coach Buggie Bailey had incorporated an aquatic P.E. class at the pool for 3rd and 4th graders. They started the unit on pool safety and began working on the progression of strokes, incorporating fitness. The Tribal School has also enjoyed end of the year parties at the pool.

Lifeguard Class:

A lifeguard class was held May 23 with 9 participants that had signed up. The extra guards will give us more flexibility for scheduling during the summer and for private parties.

Swimming Lessons:

Lessons are slated for the week of June 13, Monday through Friday, with a total of 64 participants signed up so far.

Summer Day Camp:

Summer Camp begins June 6 and lasts for 4 weeks, ending on July 1. We have a total of 24 campers registered. The camp includes fun filled days with field trips such as: Bowling, movies, water fun, nature rides, pool activities, crafts, library, and much more.

Swim Team:

Registration is complete with practices that began May 31, at 10:30 AM. We have tentatively scheduled two meets against New Iberia on June 16 and 23, at 5:00 PM.



CHITIMACHA GAMING COMMISSION NEWSLETTER

The Chitimacha Gaming Commission continued performing its mandated IGRA/Compact duties and responsibilities during the last reporting period. In addition to conducting six (6) license hearings, regular and special meetings, during May the Commission also met with casino management officials, Tom Odisho, Tribal Chairman Darden, Gaming Commissioners and staff members in order to further develop the Tribe's commencement of entertainment events featuring professional boxing, mixed martial arts ("MMA"), wrestling and like competitive sporting events at the Pavilion facility.

Various regulatory, marketing, and practical concerns were addressed, and all parties are cooperating to assure that commercially successful and legally-compliant events are conducted. In addition, at a separate meeting, the Tribal Council was also presented with two (2) boxing promoter programs, which were referred to the casino management team for future consideration. The Commission has also been working with the Louisiana State Boxing and Wrestling Commission and will be enacting new rules, regulations and policies, as well as instituting an appropriate regulatory structure to properly supervise this new and exciting form of entertainment. Additional event information will be made available in the very near future.

Meetings were also held with the Louisiana State Police, Indian Gaming Unit, concerning various administrative matters, as well as the Unit's submission of their FY2011-12 LSP budget request. These materials have been reviewed and forwarded to the Tribal Council for their consideration.

Long time Commission employee, James "Jimmy" Pellerin also retired from service. Jimmy was an outstanding Compliance Officer who was respected by all with whom he interacted. The Commission wishes Jimmy well in all future endeavors. Also, after advertising and reviewing and/or interviewing over a dozen applicants, the Commission welcomed its newest Compliance Officer, Patrick Mensman. C/O Mensman was a Lead Slot Technician with the casino for several years, and his knowledge and experience will enable the Commission a better and more efficient means of oversight of the Tribe's slot operations.

The NIGC has also advised that it will be hosting specialized training for interested gaming tribes in the near future. The Chitimacha Gaming Commission has indicated its desire to participate and we hope to host informative seminars on the Chitimacha Reservation and with invitations sent to other LA gaming tribes. Additional information is being developed to coordinate such programs. Also, as a final NIGC note, their Regional Field Investigator, Keith Hicks, visited the Commission and casino facilities in May for a periodic site inspection. No discrepancies have been reported.

April – May 2011 (as of May 23)

Employee/Applicant Hearings	6	Casino Vendor Background Investigations	26
Licensing Actions	8	Special/Confidential Investigations	0
Commission Meetings (Regular/Special)	6	<u>Compliance Officer Reports</u>	
Vendor Registration/Licenses Processed	15	Activity / Incident	63
Tribal Background Investigations	24	Jackpots (Over \$5,000.00)	51
Raintree Market Applicants/Employees	37	Patron Complaints	0
		Accident / Illness	21
		Slot Activity (programming / moves)	39
		Casino Background Investigations	167
		(Includes Rehires and Under 21)	

Fire Department News

Fire Chief R. Cook

Flood of 2011:

The Tribal Emergency Operations Planning Committee has been monitoring this potential threat of flooding within our state and immediate area since late April. The committee has been attending meetings of the U.S. Corp of Engineers, daily phone conferences and the meetings of the Local Office of Homeland Security. Recent reports have the flooding and intrusion into the Atchafalaya Bay at a lower crest level than once estimated. However, due to South Louisiana possessing such vast water ways, the Emergency Operations Committee has continued to take this threat seriously by preparing and obtaining resources in the event that interventions are warranted.

The St. Mary Parish Levee District and the U.S. Corp of Engineers has conducted reinforcement measures at levee flood gates and inspections of levee integrity throughout the southern regions. The U.S. Corp of Engineers has also been coordination intervention efforts with all boarding states of the Mississippi River to minimize river flows and flooding potentials.

The purpose of the working document, the Tribal Emergency Operations Plan (TEOP), as authorized by the Tribal Council establishes the course of action and organization of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana with regards to emergency operations. This plan assigns responsibilities, task and actions that shall be taken to provide for the welfare and safety of the community against the threat of natural, technological, and national security emergencies and disasters. It addresses the need for Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery activities that will enhance the Tribe's overall capability to cope with potential hazards. Further, it address the actions needed to restore the Tribe's infrastructure following a disaster or other debilitating influence on the normal pattern of life within the Reservation.

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Training:

Personnel continue to attend monthly training sessions and perform Monthly In-Service training. During the month of April Firefighter First Class Blair Rivette obtained the LSU Aerial Operations Certification. Firefighter First Class Deborah Guardia is in the process of obtaining the Emergency Medical Technician Basic level through an extensive on line program. Once the online component is completed she will travel to Texas for (2) weeks to complete the clinical and testing process of the program.

Public Services:

Conducted at our learning facilities were Fire, Tornado and Quarterly Bus Evacuation Drills, and the Fire Prevention Awareness component is conducted monthly. NFPA Life Safety 101 building inspections and Fire Extinguisher inspections are also conducted monthly throughout the fire district.

Notices:

"Congratulations" to Billy Mora as he became an employee of the fire department in April 2011. Mr. Mora joined the CFP Volunteer Division in January 2011. During this time he obtained training as a Medical First Responder and in Fire Suppression Training.

If anyone would like to join a rewarding profession in serving the community feel free to come by the fire department or Human Resource to pick up an application. Annual Incentive is paid out to CFP Volunteer Division Members that participate in emergency, non - emergency incidents and training activities.

For advanced protection, Fire and Burglar Alarm System will monitor your home 24 hours a day of early detection of smoke/fire or other intrusions.

Also be certain that home address numbers are in place and legible from the roadway. The size of the residential address numbers should be a minimum of (4) inches.

Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.

“Jimmy Hendrix”

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS ADVISORY

Chitimacha Reservation

The Tribal Emergency Operation Officials will be monitoring the potential flood threat until there is no longer a threat. The community will be advised immediately via the Emergency Alerting System (EAS) of any changes that have the potential to threaten the Reservation and surrounding area. We ask that the community continue to monitor the local news and have adequate travel supplies and vehicles fueled in the event that an area evacuation is warranted.

Approved and Posted 5/20/2011_{rc}

Public Works Department

From: Tony Darden, Public Works Director

NOTICE

Any tribal member who would like some of the dirt that is piled up on the lot along Seminole Drive is welcome to take what you need. Please be advised that the tribe **will not loan** out any tractor or equipment.

Also, the ground up asphalt in that area is available for any tribal member's use on the reservation.

Grass Clippings:

We are still having a problem with people throwing their grass clippings/leaves onto the roadway. This could cause major drainage problems to the curb and gutter system. Please help us out by refraining from throwing your debris out onto the streets.

Sewer System:

We are still finding a lot of the following items being flushed into the sewer system, such as: Q-tips, sanitary items, shirts, etc. These items can cause major problems to the sewer pumps and will cause flooding in individual homes.

Waste Oil:

Please remember that the maintenance department is still accepting waste oil. If you have any you would like to dispose of, you may bring it to the shop. This service is **only available between the hours of 7:30 A.M. thru 5:00 P.M., Monday - Thursday, and 7:30 A.M. thru 11:30 A.M., on Friday.** You must check with one of the maintenance workers prior to any disposal.

NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DUMP THEIR WASTE OIL ON WEEKENDS WHEN THE SHOP IS CLOSED.

Dumpsters:

The dumpsters that are located at all tribal buildings and the Trading Post is for the use of tribal facilities only. Private household garbage should be disposed of at the Waste Management facilities in Franklin. Anyone who is caught dumping their waste in these dumpsters will be asked to retrieve their garbage.

Burn Pile on Seminole Drive

Please be advised that this location is only for you to burn your tree limbs, grass and leaves. The public works departmental employees have had to remove old washing machines and dryers from this site. If this continues, we will be forced to close that area for people to use and you will have to bring your tree limbs, etc. to the Waste Management facility in Franklin on Northwest Boulevard.

Sealed Bids will be accepted on the following items:

1- 2003 Chevrolet Impala, Color - White, Engine - 3.8 liter, and Mileage - 156,999 miles; the bidding will start at \$200.00.

1- 1991 Ford Ranger - Color Blue, Engine - 2.3 liter, and Mileage - 84,690 (needs fuel pump and battery); the bidding will start at \$200.00.

1- Old John Deere 1050 Tractor (head is cracked, needs radiator and water pump); the bidding will start at \$100.00.

1- Old Kawasaki Mule (needs lots of repairs); the bidding will start at \$50.00.

1-72 inch Kubota Lawn Tractor; the bidding will start at \$200.00.

Sealed bids will be accepted until the close of business day, June 24, 2011. You may come by the Public Works Department and view the items. All sealed bids must be submitted to: Tony Darden, Public Works Director, Chitimacha Tribe of LA, P.O. Box 661, Charenton, LA 70523.

HOUSING AUTHORITY NOTICE

Sealed Bids will be accepted on the following items:

The Chitimacha Housing Authority is accepting bids for the following items. The following items come as a set. The Housing Authority has three (3) sets of the items. The items are brand new and still in crates. No bids less than \$20.00 for one (1) complete set will be accepted.

- 1 complete set
- 1 full-size mattress and box spring with frame
- 1 chest of drawers
- 2 nightstands

If you are interested, please place your bid in a sealed envelope and turn it in to Marilyn Burgess at the Housing Office by Thursday, June 30th at 5:00 pm. Bids will be opened on Friday, July 1st. Please have current contact information in the sealed bid.



TRIBAL COURT NEWS

*Carrie D. Saucier, Clerk of Court
Chitimacha Tribal Court*



On May 4th, 2011, Chitimacha Tribal Courts had the privilege of hosting an on-site visit with the Hon. Ernestine Gray, Chief Judge of the Juvenile Division, 41st Judicial District Court, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, as well as a number of her faculty members. Hon. Cameron B. Simmons, Chief Judge of Chitimacha Tribal Courts was very informative in providing a speech and tour to the group. Mrs. Karen Matthews, MSW, Director, was essential in scheduling the tour as she is a member of the New Orleans Model Court Team.



I am proud to announce that another portion of the codes have been completed. Title XXII, Sex Offender Registry Code of the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice was formally adopted by the Chitimacha Tribal Council on May 11, 2011 by Ordinance #02-11. Tribal Court staff is in the process of publishing the Sex Offender Registry Code for distribution. A Sex Offender Manual and forms have been prepared and are in the process of being reviewed by the Bureau of Indians Affairs for final approval and use by the Court.

The Chitimacha Peacemaker Court is still undergoing development of the Peacemaker Rules and Guidelines and Peacemaker Forms.

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

MARCH & APRIL CASES: (54)

28 CIVIL ACTIONS (20 Garnishments/2 CV Complaints/1 Petition for Appointment of IME/1 Petition to Make Judgment Executory and For Judgment Debtor Rule/4 Civil Environmental Violations)

23 DOMESTIC (20 Petition for Disbursement of Funds/1 Petition for Change in Custody/2 Petition for Divorce)

1 JUVENILE
0 CRIMINAL
1 TRAFFIC (1 CV TR Infraction)
1 PROBATE

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (1)

(1) Assignment/Lien

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (5)

(2) Acknowledgement of Paternity/(1) Cash Deed/(2) Act of Transfer of House

**TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED IN
MARCH AND APRIL, 2011—(60)**

COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL COURT: MARCH

Tribal Court scheduled **three (3)** regular sessions in the month of March, 2011, with the March 22, 2011 regular session cancelled.

The first regular session was conducted on **March 1, 2011**, at which time **fifteen (15)** matters were scheduled to be heard.

(05) DOMESTIC
(02) CRIMINAL
(04) CIVIL
(02) JUVENILE
(02) TRAFFIC

The second regular session was conducted on **March 15, 2011**, with **eight (8)** matters scheduled to be heard. One (1) matter was continued to a later date.

(04) DOMESTIC
(01) CIVIL
(01) JUVENILE
(02) CRIMINAL

TRIBAL COURT: APRIL

Tribal Court conducted **two (2)** regular sessions in the month of April, 2011, with the first regular session being conducted on **April 5, 2011**, at which time **seven (7)** matters were scheduled to be heard. Two (2) matters were continued and reset and one (1) matter was dismissed.

(01) DOMESTIC
(02) CRIMINAL
(01) PROBATE
(03) CIVIL

The second regular session was conducted on **April 19, 2011**, with **eight (8)** matters scheduled to be heard. Three (3) matters were continued and reset.

(03) CIVIL
(02) JUVENILE
(02) PROBATE
(01) TRAFFIC

During the months of March and April, 2011, five (5) regular sessions were scheduled. A total of thirty-eight (38) matters were scheduled to be heard and sixty (60) matters were filed with Chitimacha Tribal Court during this period.

Regular sessions continue to be held on Tuesdays of each month, with **June** sessions scheduled on **Tuesday, June 7, 2011**, and **Tuesday, June 21, 2011**. Open sessions begin at **10:00 a.m.**

Anyone interested in becoming a Lay Advocate to represent individuals in various court matters, please contact Carrie D. Saucier, Clerk of Court to receive information.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Chitimacha Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at **(337) 923-7806**; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro Street, Post Office Box 610, Chitimacha Reservation, Charenton, Louisiana.

Our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.



We invite all parents of young children born after 9/30/2007 to join us for this special Parent Night. If you are interested in sending your child to Yaamahana, this would be a great opportunity to meet the full-time staff.



YAAMAHANA

Presents...

PARENT NIGHT

“APPROPRIATE EXPECTATIONS OF CHILDREN”

Presented by Erinn Smith and Lauren Naquin from 1st Years

This training will provide parents with ideas and suggestions of appropriate activities for different age groups.

Time will be set aside for parents to ask questions and get answers related to disciplining children and guiding their behavior.

WHERE: Chitimacha Recreation Center

WHEN: Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 5:30 PM

Doorprizes will be given away, babysitting will be provided at Yaamahana, and a delicious meal will be served!

We hope you will be able to attend Parent Night. You will have an opportunity to meet our Lead Child Care Providers and you can sign-up for a personal tour of Yaamahana.

In order to prepare for the meal and provide babysitting services, we would like to get a count of family members attending Parent Night. Please contact Kathleen Flanagan or Francine Bonin at (337) 923-0100 to RSVP for the event.

For those parents that are unable to attend this event, please contact Kathleen or Fran to schedule an onsite visit or to obtain informational literature at the above phone number.

Team Leaders Easter Egg Hunt



L to R: Rick Cook, Fire Chief and Karen Matthews, Human Services Director

On April 21, 2001 Team Leaders' took a break from the mundane meeting route and they were surrounded with Easter eggs to hunt. The Team Leader with the most eggs was Lori Darden. The eggs were packed with door prize tickets and the winners for the door prizes were: Karen Matthews, Nikina Davis, Charlie Dupuy, Greg Waguespack, Carrie Saucier, Jeri St. Blanc, Mack Petry, Madeline Phelps, Billy St. Blanc and Tricia Mestayer.



L to R: John Paul Darden, Tribal Chairman and Lori Darden, Community Health Nurse



Kathleen Flanagan, Child Care Development Center Director



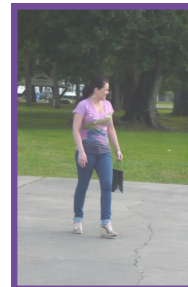
Greg Waguespack, Information Systems Manager



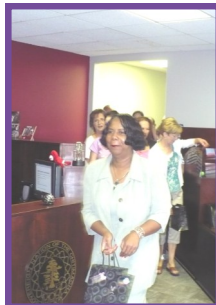
Mack Petry, Tribal Investigator



L to R: Jeri St. Blanc, Recreation Coordinator and Billy St. Blanc Recreation Director



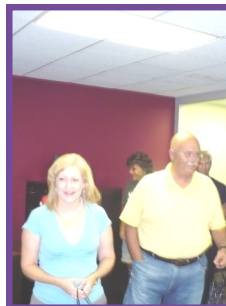
Tricia Mestayer, Division Administrator



F to B: Karen Matthews, Human Services Director; Kathleen Flanagan, Child Care Development Center Director and Marilyn Burgess, Housing Director



Nikina Davis, Finance Director



L to R: Carrie Saucier, Clerk of Courts and Charles R. Dupuy, III, Insurance Plan Manager



Julia Rogers, Insurance Plan Specialist



Years of Service Awards



5 Years
Pamela Thibodeaux
Clinic Billing Coordinator
Health Department



10 Years
Antoine Dressel—picture unavailable
Compliance Officer
Gaming Commission



10 Years
Karen Matthews
Human Services Director
Human Services



5 Years
Jessica Rogers
Jr. Accounting Manager
Finance Department



Congratulations to all of our Years of Service Recipients. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.

NOTICE

Voter Forum

Unfortunately, the voter forum was not held this year. The Tribal Members that previously hosted the event were unable to participate, as well as, no one responding to the notice published in the April newsletter to volunteer to host the event.

*Please remember
to go out and exercise your right to vote*

June 11, 2011.



CONGRATULATIONS
to all the students on a
job well done on the
LEAP & I-LEAP Tests

CONGRATULATIONS
to all of the graduates in
the PRE-K
KINDERGARTEN &
8TH GRADE
Classes of CTS
2010-2011

Best Wishes,
Tribal Council &
Board of Education

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